12.00 P.M.

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTER

THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): Mr. Chairman, Sir, it is my pleasure, and with your permission, to introduce Shri Nitish Kumar, the Minister of Agriculture.

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL) : Sir, I beg to lay on the Table:

I. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Law, Justice and Company Affairs (Department of Company Affairs) G.S.R. 363 (E) dated 27.4.2000 publishing the Companies (Central Governments) General Rules and Forms (Second Amendment) Rules, 1956, under sub-section 3 of Section 642(3) of the Companies Act, 1956.

II. A copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Law, Justice & Company Affairs (Department of Company Affairs) S.O. 419(E) dated 27.4.2000 publishing the amendments in Schedule X to the Companies Act, 1956, under sub-section 3 of Section 641(3) of the Companies Act, 1956.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): Sir, on behalf of my colleague..*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI MD. SALIM (West Bengal) : Sir, I have a point to raise. ...*(Interruptions)*... Before Mr. Dhananjay Kumar lays the Papers, ...*(Interruptions)*...

श्री एस0एस0 अहलुवालिया (बिहार): यह कोई नई बात नहीं है, अगर मिनिस्टर नहीं है...**(व्यवधान)**...

SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR : Sir, I have already made a request.

SHRI MD. SALIM: Sir, Shri Vikhe-Patil's name is listed. Has the Minister, Mr. Patil, sought the permission that someone else, on his behalf, is be allowed to lay the Papers?

SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR: Sir, I myself have sought the permission of the Chair.

SHRI MD. SALIM: No, no. His resignation has not been accepted. He is the Minister concerned. So, he should seek the permission; not the Minister of State, Mr. Dhananjay Kumar. Sir, the Secretariat has given the permission, you have given the permission, to Mr. Vikhe-Patil. That is why his name is listed. Now, the procedure demands, and the convention demands, that the Minister concerned should write to you seeking permission that, instead of him, someone else be allowed to lay the Papers. It is not the person who is substituting, but it is the person who is being substituted, who should have written to you. Otherwise, it is openly challenging your authority and paying disrespect to you because you have given your permission to someone but someone else is now coming and asking you. Mr. Patil should have written to you.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Okay. Let me speak. I think what the hon. Member has said is correct. It should have been written by the Minister himself, and then only, you, Mr. Dhananjay Kumar, could have laid the Papers.

SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR: Sir, with your permission...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: No, no, no. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR: Sir, with your permission, I have only sought ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE (West Bengal) : Let it be kept pending. The Minister concerned should seek the permission.

SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR: Sir, I have sought the permission only on the ground that ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Not now. ...*(Interruptions)*..

SHRI MD. SALIM: He is in the Cabinet; no problem. You are in the Cabinet, but here, in the Secretariat, before the Chairman, you are nowhere. Mr. Patil sought the permission. He was given the permission. He should write to the Chairman that he is deputing someone else.

SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR: Would you kindly allow me to make a submission? ...*(Interruptions)*. . Sir, may I make a submission?

MR. CHAIRMAN: The letter must come from the Minister concerned. ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI RAJU PARMAR (Gujarat) : Sir, keep it pending.

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA) : Sir, may I make a submission? Sir, if, for some reason, a Minister in the Ministry is not available, then someone in the same Ministry, another Minister, has sought your permission to lay the Papers on the Table... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu) : Why today only? Lay it tomorrow. ...*(Interruptions)*... Tomorrow, you can lay it.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, I would like to make a submission. It is my experience in this House that on many such occasions, such permission has been given, and, therefore, I would humbly appeal, I would plead, that before you pass your final ruling..*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have already done it.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Please consider this again.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Not now, not now.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, the Minister of State was trying to make a submission. Unfortunately, he was not heard.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question basically is ...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Sir, as a senior Minister, I am present here. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: This is the letter which I got: "As my colleague, Shri Balasaheb Vikhe-Patil, has remained absent, I may be permitted to lay the Papers on the Table of the House." That is the question. It is not from him. ...*(Interruptions)*... Anyway, it is all over.

SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR: Sir, we obey your orders. We will lay it next week. ...*(Interruptions)*... We will lay it next week. What is there? ...*(Interruptions)*...

Recommendations of the Business Advisory committee

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform Members that the Business Advisory Committee at its meeting held on Monday, the 24th July, 2000, allotted time for the Government Legislative Business as follows:

	BUSINESS	TIME ALLOTTED
	Consideration and passing of--	
1.	The Indian Power Alcohol (Repeal) Bill, 2000.	1 Hour
2.	The Cotton Cloth (Repeal) Bill, 2000 as passed by the Lok Sabha.	1 Hour
3.	The Indian Copmpanies (Foreign Interests) and the Companies (Temporary Restriction on Dividends) Repeal Bill, 2000 as passed by Lok Sabha.	1 Hour
4.	The Chemical Weapons Convention Bill, 2000.	2 Hours
5.	The Army and Air Force (Disposal of Private Property) Amendment Bill, 1999.	1 Hour